(b) if so, the details of the projects in Maharashtra affected by the decision of the Committee;

(c) the reasons for cancellation of the BOLT system; and

(d) the steps taken for alternative arrangements for implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir. The committee has suggested modifications in the existing BOLT (Build-Own-Lease-Transfer) scheme and has not recommended its cancellation as such.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Doubling of Shoranur-Mangalapuram railway line

3482. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Miniser of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that to get the full benefits of the Konkan Railway to Kerala, the doubling of the line between 'Mangalapuram and Shoranur, is very necessary; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the proposal for doubling this line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The Railways are according high priority to the work of doubling of Mangalapuram to Shoranur. Four block sections (29 kms.) have already been completed. This year it is planned to complete another 48 kms. The rest of the work will be progressed on priority and is expected to be completed within the 9th Five Year Plan subject to availability of resources.

Repairing of bridges on Pratap Nagar-Chota Udepur railway line

3483. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that repairing of two bridges was sanctioned on Pratap nagar-Chota Udepur railway line and the amount needed was sanctioned in last year's Railway Budget;

(b) if so, the reasons for not releasing the amount to the Western Railway; and

(c) when the actual work will start and when it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The work is scheduled to be completed in 21 months, hence funds will be provided in accordance with the progress made.

Inconvenience caused to Shane-Punjab Passengers

3484. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on 18th June, 1998 the Shane-Punjab Express train operating between New Delhi and Amritsar left Jalandhar City Station without waiting for the arrival of the link train from Hoshiarpur which was late thus causing tremendous inconvenience and harassment to the Delhi bound passengers travelling in the link train;

(b) whether Government propose to hold an enquiry into this incident to ascertain the reasons therefor and fix responsibility in this connection; and

(c) if so, the action proposed by Government to check the recurrence of such incidents?